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LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) CONFERENCE--

INFORMAL PLENARY CONTINUED AUGUST 4 TO CONSIDER ARTICLES 6 AND 7 OF THE REVISED SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT WHICH DEAL WITH CONCILIATION AND WITH APPLICATION OF PART IV, SECTION 88 PROCEDURES FOR OBLIGATORY, FINAL AND BINDING DECISIONS, RESPECTIVELY.
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LOS COMMITTEE I IS HAVING SERIOUS DIFFICULTY ORGANIZING ITS
WORK. THE GROUP OF 77 ADOPTING EXTREMIST POSITIONS ON PROCEDURE, AND
DEMONSTRATING SERIOUS DISSATISFACTION WITH THE REVISED SINGLE
NEGOTIATING TEXT AND WITH CHAIRMAN ENGO (CAMEROON).
KEY DIFFICULTY APPEARS TO BE THAT G-77 WANTS FULL OPPOR-
TUNITY TO MAKE KNOWN THEIR VIEWS ON UNACCEPTABILITY OF SYSTEM
OF EXPLOITATION IN THE REVISED TEXT, AND INDIA, SUPPORTED
BY OTHERS, PUSHING VERY HARD TO SEE THAT IT IS THE FIRST
ITEM TAKEN UP. PROCEDURES PROPOSED BY G-77 AND, ON OTHER
EXTREME, BY ENGO ARE BOTH UNWIELDY AND THREATEN TO RE-OPEN
IMPORTANT PROVISIONS OF TEXT THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN
NEGOTIATED. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 3121, 3122).

NATURAL DISASTERS--

UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL DAVIDSON EXPRESSED TO MISOFFS HIS
PERSONAL DISPLEASURE OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN UNDRO, ESPECIALLY
LACK OF LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION BY BERKOL, AND ADDED THAT
FAILURE TO RESOLVE UNDRO STAFFING PROBLEM CONTINUED TO ADVERSELY
AFFECT THE PROGRAM. HE EXPRESSED CONSTERNATION OVER MANNER
IN WHICH UNDRO ITEM IN ECOSOC IS BEING HANDLED BY BERKOL,
WHOSE PREOCCUPATION IS WITH GETTING UNDRO'S FULL COSTS TRANSFERRED
TO UN REGULAR BUDGET. DAVIDSON STRESSED HE IS INTENT ON
RESISTING THOSE EFFORTS, AND HE INTIMATED HIS ENERGY AND PATIENCE
ARE NEARLY EXHAUSTED IN ATTEMPTING TO MINIMIZE UN EXPENDITURES
WHEN THOSE GOVERNMENTS MOST INSISTENT ON THIS ARE UNABLE OR
UNWILLING TO TAKE DECISIONS CONSISTENT WITH THIS OBJECTIVE.
(CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 3117)

G-LEVEL SALARIES--

UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL DAVIDSON SAID HE KNEW NOTHING OF ANY
PLAN FOR THE SYG TO PRESENT TO UNGA COMMITTEE 5 A PROPOSAL
ON METHODOLOGY FOR LOCAL SURVEYS ON GENERAL SERVICE SALARIES.
HE CONFIRMED ARRANGEMENT RECENTLY MADE IN GENEVA WITH STAFF
AGREEMENT FOR DEFERMENT OF AUGUST 1 COST-OF-LIVING PAY INCREASE.
HE WAS CERTAIN ONE MORE ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION WOULD HAVE
TO BE GRANTED IN GENEVA, PROBABLY AROUND DECEMBER, BEFORE
ICSC TAKES OVER QUESTION OF DETERMINATING GS SALARY LEVELS.
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USE OF SPACE IN VIENNA DONAUPARK COMPLEX--

NOTING THERE WILL BE ROOM FOR 4700 UN STAFF IN VIENNA
DONAUPARK COMPLEX, UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL DAVIDSON SAID
EXISTING VIENNA BODIES (UNIDO, IAEA, ETC) WILL TAKE UP
2700 OF THESE SPACES, BUT UNDER NORMAL GROWTH CONDITIONS CAN
BE EXPECTED TO USE 1000 MORE WITHIN A FEW YEARS. THIS LEAVES

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SPACE FOR 1000 TO BE FILLED BY RELOCATION OF NEW YORK OR
GENEVA SECRETARIAT UNITS OR BY
ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW UNITS. DAVIDSON TOLD MISOFFS HE HAD CONSUL-
TED EXTENSIVELY WITH SWISS AND AUSTRIANS AND BELIEVES HE
PACIFIED BOTH, AND HE PLANS TO INITIATE FORMAL CONSULTATIONS
SOON WITH USG. EVIDENCE IS CLEAR IT WILL BE MUCH LESS COSTLY
TO OPERATE ANY UN UNIT IN VIENNA THAN IN GENEVA, AND DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN NEW YORK AND VIENNA IS NEGLIGIBLE. DAVIDSON WOULD
PREFER TO HAVE THE SYG'S REPORT ON VIENNA MAKE SPECIFIC
RECOMMENDATIONS OF UNITS TO MOVE, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED IT MAY
CONTAIN MERELY GENERAL GUIDELINES WITH DECISION LEFT TO
THE GA. HE PERSONALLY SUGGESTED MOVING TO VIENNA THE CENTER
FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS, AND POSSIBLY
UN RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. OTHERS MIGHT
BE SUBSTANTIVE UNCTAD STAFF, CENTER FOR HOUSING,
BUILDING AND PLANNING, AND THE OFFICE FOR SCIENCE AND TECH-
NOLOGY. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE UN SECRETARIAT POSITION
ON MOVING CCD FROM GENEVA TO VIENNA IS TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON
CCD DECISION. DAVIDSON AGREED ON DESIRABILITY OF U.S., AUSTRIA
AND SWITZERLAND COMING TO SOME AGREEMENT BEFORE THE
SYG FINALIZES AND ISSUES HIS REPORT.(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --
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